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1. Copies of a five-page mimeographed document have been mailed out by the South Pacific Sub-Secretariat of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL-SP), prior to the Fourth Congress of the CTAL, scheduled for late March 1953 in Santiago, Chile. The document is entitled "Por la Unidad Continental de Todos los Trabajadores - Llamamiento del Comité Regional Sur-Pacífico de la CTAL" and contains an outline of matters discussed at the CTAL-SP meeting of 29-31 December 1952. It requests representation of all Latin American union organizations, including delegates from the Organizacion Regional Interamericana de Trabajadores (ORIT) and the Agrupacion de Trabajadores Latino Americanos Sindicalistas (ATLAS).
2. Listed as represented at the CTAL-SP meeting in December 1952 were the Confederacion de Trabajadores del Ecuador, the Comité de Coordinacion Sindical del Sur de Peru, and Confederacion de Trabajadores de Chile (CTCh). A Bolivian observer, Guillermo TORRELIO Ayorea, was also present, but it is not believed that he represented any particular union organization. The CTAL-SP document contained a brief analysis of the current labor picture in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. It followed the usual Communist line and criticized "imperialist-dictatorial" regimes in Ecuador and Peru, claiming great victories for the working masses of Bolivia and Chile, and stressing throughout the need for unity of action. The last paragraphs were devoted to a reiteration of the blanket invitation to all Latin American union organizations to attend the Fourth CTAL Congress, therein listed as scheduled for 27-30 March 1953. All other information received to date indicates that the Congress will take place from 22-29 March 1953.
3. Parts of the document were published in the Chilean Communist newspaper El Siglo during mid-January. Various other CTAL-SP bulletins related to the projected CTAL Congress have also been publicized. Beyond the extension of invitations and the preparation of the agenda, there has been little positive action taken with respect to preparations for the meeting in March 1953. The Santiago organizing committee has as yet no confirmation of delegates expected to attend, but is taking for granted the participation of Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano (Mexico),

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Pedro SAAD (Ecuador), Blas ROCA (Cuba), Victor CODOVILLA (Argentina), and Lazaro PENA (Cuba), among others. It is believed likely that WFTU Secretary General Luis SAILLANT will also attend, and efforts are being made to assure the participation of Bolivia's Juan LECHIN or an official LECHIN representative. Although not specifically included in the agenda, nationalization of Latin American raw materials industries and increased Latin American commercial interchange will constitute the two principal issues of the Congress.

4. With respect to the CTAL-SP, it has been learned that it will not operate continuously, nor will its members be required to reside in Santiago, as had earlier been considered likely. Rather they will be subject to call whenever there is a need for joint union action of the member organizations, or support of strikes. The committee will meet at regular intervals to exchange views and submit information.
5. The make-up of the CTAL-SP is as follows:
 - Chile: Bernardo ARAYA Zuleta - Well-known Communist labor leader, Secretary General of the PCCh, and a former Communist deputy. Age - 42 years. Chilean prontuario No. 2189374 Santiago. Residence - Calle Toro Mazzotte 88, Santiago.
 - Salvador OCAMPO Pastenes - Communist Senator and labor leader. Age - 50 years. Chilean prontuario No. 24456 Santiago. Residence - Avda. Bernardo O'Higgins 151, Santiago.
 - Juan VARGAS Puebla - Labor leader and former Communist deputy. Age - 45 years. Residence - Calle Herrera 541, Santiago.
 - Ecuador: Cesar ESTUARDO Marin - Secretary General of Ecuadoran Railroad Workers' Union and Director of the Confederacion de Trabajadores del Ecuador. Arrived in Chile on 25 December 1952 from Tacna, Peru. Bearer of Ecuadoran Passport No. 880.
 - Gustavo LOPEZ - Secretary of Chauffeurs' Federation of Pichincha, Ecuador. Arrived Chile together with ESTUARDO. Bearer of Ecuadoran Passport No. 6398.
 - Peru: Santiago GUTIERREZ Vallejos - Director of Peruvian Telephone Workers' syndicate and representative of Comité Coordinador Sindical del Sur de Peru. No record of entry into Chile.
 - Bolivia: Guillermo TORRELIO Ayora - Representing no known Bolivian union. Arrived Chile on 20 December 1952 from Bolivia. TORRELIO's name was previously reported as Julian BARRIA, apparently a pseudonym used by him.
6. GUTIERREZ does not intend to return to Peru until after the CTAL Congress in March 1953, and he fears he will be arrested upon his return. GUTIERREZ' trip to Chile and participation in the CTAL-SP meeting were financed by the Comité Coordinador Sindical del Sur de Peru. He is soliciting financial aid from the CTCh to enable him to stay in Chile until the Congress. GUTIERREZ is described as young and inexperienced in both political and union matters and generally unimpressive.
7. In relating to the activities and plans of the CTAL-SP, a new anti-U.S. propaganda line is to be initiated in the near future. Peruvian army expansion would be presented as "a new U.S. maneuver to cause unrest in Peru and neighboring countries and divert the attention of the masses of those countries from labor and political matters in which they would be opposing imperialist interests."

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